June 7, 2007

A meeting of the Louisville Metro Planning Commission was held on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. at the Old Jail Building, located at 514 W. Liberty Street, Louisville, Kentucky. **Following are the minutes for Case No. 8944 ONLY.**

Commission members present:

Sue Ernst, Chairman
Chief Richard Carlson, Vice-Chairman (arrived at 1:55 p.m.)
Rick Storm, County Engineer
Marshall Abstain
Susan Hamilton
Lula Howard
David Fleischaker
Barry Queenan

Commission members absent:

Yvonne Wells-Hatfield and Donnie Blake

Staff Members present:

Charles Cash, Director, Planning and Design Services
Dawn Warrick, Assistant Director, Planning and Design Services
Theresa Senninger, Legal Counsel
Jonathan Baker, Legal Counsel
Paula Wahl, Engineer Supervisor
Aida Copic, Planning Coordinator
Brian Davis, Planner II
Jon Crumbie, Planner II
Steve Lutz, Planning Supervisor
Connie Ewing, Public Information Specialist
Ken Baker, Planning Supervisor
Ann Cromwell, Management Assistant (minutes)
Chris Cestaro, Management Assistant (minutes for Case #8944 ONLY)

Others Present:

Tom Pinto, APCD Bill Pike, reporter for the Courier Journal

The following matter was discussed:

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Request review of the Taylorsville Road Area/Urton Lane Study (as directed by Planning Commission Resolution) and a review of the associated Executive Summary as an amendment to Cornerstone 2020.

Staff Case Manager:

Kendal Baker, AICP

The staff report prepared for this case was incorporated into the record. The Commissioners received this report in advance of the hearing, and this report was available to any interested party prior to the public hearing. (Staff report is part of the case file maintained in Planning and Design Services offices, 444 S. 5th Street.)

The following spoke in favor of this request:

Tom Springer QK4 815 West Market Street Louisville, KY 40222

Mike Ochsner 10710 Bruners Way Louisville, KY

Pamela Dowland 15139 Chestnut Ridge Circle Louisville, KY

The following spoke in opposition:

Jim Thorne 13808 Round Top Place Louisville, KY

Don Reid 3900 Old Clark Station Road Fisherville, KY 40023

Chuck Bauer 9519 Dawson Hill Road

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Paulette Adams 6004 Chenoweth Run Road Louisville, KY

Jim Calvery 6060 Dutchmans Lane Louisville, KY

David H. Miles 4550 Clark Station Road Finchville, KY 40022

Reverend Gary Davis 3705 Stone Lakes Drive Louisville, KY 40299

Harry Lee Meyer (no address)

Travis Tyler 13813 Fancy Gap Drive Louisville, KY 40299

Jeff Hensel (no address)

Wayne Gilezan (no address)

The following spoke neither for nor against:

Councilman Stuart Benson 615 West Jefferson Street Louisville, KY 40202

Patricia Venderespt 3505 Tucker Station Road Louisville, KY

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Gordon L. Moert 129 North Evergreen Road Louisville, KY

Steve Porter 2406 Tucker Station Road Louisville, KY 40299

David Kaelin Tucker Station Neighborhood Association 2421 Tucker Station Road Louisville, KY 40299

William Bardenwerper Bardenwerper, Talbott & Roberts PLLC 8311 Shelbyville Road Louisville, KY 40222

Agency Personnel:

Ken Baker, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Design Services

AGENCY TESTIMONY:

Ken Baker presented the case and showed a Power Point presentation (zoning maps of the area.) He said that, in November 2006, the Planning Commission passed a resolution to study this area, and also to determine a location for the Urton Lane Corridor.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY OF PROPONENTS:

Tom Springer, the project manager from QK4, summarized the project and answered some questions from the Commissioners.

Pamela Dowland said she supports the concept of the Corridor. She said she would like to be included in the "Commercial" part of the Form District, but cannot because she is in a Historic District.

Mike Ochsner spoke for his extended family and gave his support to the study.

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SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY OF OPPONENTS:

Jim Calvery said he advocated a delay until the St. Michael's plans are finalized. He also wanted a full update of traffic issues and explained current traffic problems. He submitted a letter from Nicklies Development and Kroger. He supports the "Town Center" concept.

Gordon Moert would like to see more of the road go through the Clear Channel property.

Reverend Gary Davis said he is concerned about the "speed' of this proposal – why do everything "right now"? He is concerned about possible loss of property value from St. Michaels.

David Miles spoke on behalf of St. Michaels Church. His concerns were that citizens had not had enough time to have their concerns addressed; not enough notice of this hearing; historic preservation is "overshadowing" others' needs for commercial development/access; and possible devaluation of the St. Michaels Church property. He is also concerned about increase of traffic in front of the school.

Paulette Adams, representing the Parish Council of St. Michaels, submitted a letter to the Commissioners regarding St. Michaels expansion issues.

Chuck Bauer said that Riehl Road should be expanded to five lanes.

Don Reid said he supports "Alternative A".

Jim Thorne submitted five copies of his letter to the Planning Commissioners. He said he disagrees with the stated purposes of the proposed Form District change.

Harry Lee Meyer said new areas have been submitted as part of the study, since this was originally presented to the public. He wants the Planning Commission to table this until "road studies" are submitted.

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In response to one of Mr. Meyer's statements, Commissioner Ernst reiterated that this study was requested by the Planning Commission, not developers.

Travis Tyler opposes the idea of the Urton Lane Corridor, saying that it would add too much traffic to the St. Michaels' property and also cut-through traffic to Stone Lakes residential areas.

Jeff Hensel opposes the Urton Lane Corridor.

Wayne Gilezan opposes the Urton Lane Corridor.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY OF THOSE NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST:

Councilman Stuart Benson asked, if the Reihl Road extension is not approved, where will Urton Lane go?

Patricia Venderespt is concerned about traffic gridlock, and presented an alternative plan that would run Urton Lane through "Mr. Riggs property" and through the Clear Channel property.

Steve Porter said neighborhood association groups were not involved in this study.

William Bardenwerper said he endorses the study results.

David Kaelin, representing the Tucker Station neighborhood Association, asked that the street have no concrete curbs, to protect the Floyds Fork stream.

REBUTTAL:

There was no rebuttal.

An audio/visual recording of the Planning Commission hearing related to this case is available in the Planning and Design Services offices. Please contact the Customer Service staff to view the recording or to obtain a copy. The recording of this hearing will be found on the CD of the June 7, 2007 proceedings.

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In a business session subsequent to the public hearing on this request, the Commission took the following action.

On a motion by Commissioner Howard, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission finds that this study responds to the Planning Commission resolution approved in November, 2006 directing staff to undertake a study of the area in the vicinity of Taylorsville Road and I-265 interchange to resolve long-range land use planning, infrastructure and transportation issues including the location of the Urton Lane Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Commission further finds that the following Guidelines of Cornerstone 2020 Plan Elements support the recommendations contained in the Taylorsville Road Area/Urton Lane Study:

Guideline 1. Community Form

Use existing and emerging forms or patterns of development and local plans developed in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan to guide land use decisions and design of development.

Guideline 2. Centers

Encourage mixed land uses organized around compact activity centers that are existing, proposed or planned.

Guideline 3. Compatibility

Ensure that land uses and transportation facilities are located, designed and constructed to be compatible with nearby land uses and to minimize impacts to residential areas, schools and other sensitive areas in the community.

Guideline 7. Circulation

Ensure a balanced and comprehensive multi-modal transportation network that is coordinated with desired growth and development patterns and provides for the movement of people and goods; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Louisville Metro Planning Commission does hereby **RECOMMEND** to the legislative council of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro

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Government that the review of the Taylorsville Road Area/Urton Lane Study (as directed by Planning Commission Resolution) and a review of the associated Executive Summary as an amendment to Cornerstone 2020 be **APPROVED**.

The vote was as follows:

YES: Commissioners Ernst, Storm, Hamilton, Howard, Fleischaker,

Queenan, and Abstain.

NO: No one.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioners Wells-Hatfield and Blake.

ABSTAINING: Commissioner Carlson.

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Development and Transportation Committee No report given.
No report given.
Legal Review Committee No report given.
Planning Committee No report given.
Policy and Procedures Committee No report given.
Site Inspection Committee No report given.
ADJOURNMENT
The case finished hearing at approximately 3:30 p.m.
Chairman
Director